

ARLINGTON HALL STATION, BUILDING 128
4000 Arlington Boulevard
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Arlington County
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Location: Located in the central portion of Arlington Hall Station approximately 90 feet northeast of the Building 127. Arlington Hall Station is located at 4000 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia.

Significance: Constructed in 1944 as a boiler plant and later converted to an incinerator, Building 128 was part of the second major building campaign initiated by the U.S. Army at Arlington Hall Station, formerly Arlington Hall Junior College (1927-1942). It is associated with the nationally significant development of Arlington Hall Station as the headquarters of United States Army intelligence activities during World War II. (For overview of Arlington Hall Station, see HABS No. VA-1270).

Description: Building 128 is a rectangular, double-height, concrete block building measuring approximately 30 feet by 35 feet. A modified gabled roof, with one side raised higher than the other, is covered with corrugated metal.

All window openings have been infilled, including two arched openings on the east facade. Some concrete sills and lintels remain. Rectangular, louvered vent openings are located near the roof line of the north and south elevations. A metal replacement door is located within a partially infilled opening on the north facade, while a small aluminum awning hangs above a metal door on the south facade.

A six-foot high concrete wall extends west from the north elevation. Auxiliary equipment is located adjacent to the building's west side.

History: Building 128 was constructed in 1944 as a boiler plant. The building was converted to an incinerator in 1950. A fire in 1958 dictated renovation of the building, including its pair of 2,000-pound incinerators. In 1962 the building was re-roofed. All but two openings have been infilled and the building has undergone general maintenance since 1944.

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